VII. Unincorporated Areas and Profiles

This chapter provides information on unincorporated areas of King County, that is, areas outside of any city. Unincorporated areas cover 82 percent of King County's land area, but now contain less than 20 percent of King County's population and development activity. This year's Annual Growth Report features a new breakdown of unincorporated communities called "potential annexation areas" (PAAs). Under the Growth Management Act, urban services should be provided by cities, so it is expected that the entire Urban-designated area of King County will be annexed into existing cities within the next ten years. In this chapter are one-page profiles of ten large PAAs which comprise most of the remaining unincorporated Urban Growth Area. There is also a profile of Rural- and Resource- designated areas, which cannot annex into a city. Each profile, similar to the City Profiles in the previous chapter, contains a snapshot of demographic, economic, and development activity in the area. The ten major PAAs, annexing city and their year-2000 population are as follows:

Potential Annexation Area	Annexing City	2000 Population
East Federal Way	Federal Way	20,300
East Renton	Renton	7,400
Eastgate	Bellevue	4,600
Fairwood	Renton	39,400
Kent Northeast	Kent	23,600
Kirkland	Kirkland	31,700
Klahanie	Issaquah	11,000
Lea Hill	Auburn	8,200
North Highline	none	32,400
West Hill	none	14,000

In addition to the ten designated major PAAs, there are smaller scattered Urban unincorporated neighborhoods totaling about 22,000 people, some of which are also identified as PAAs. Outside the Urban Growth Area, there are Ruraldesignated areas with about 136,000 people. A map showing the ten major PAAs and other unincorporated areas is at the back of the book.

Community Planning Areas - A Retrospective

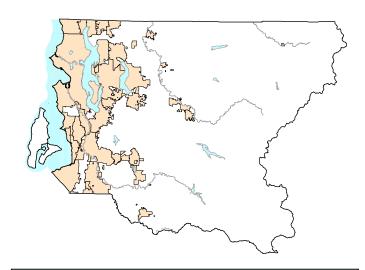
Two tables in this chapter present data by "community planning area." Community planning areas were delineated in the 1970s to represent communities or groups of neighborhoods with common land use issues. The planning areas acted as a useful geographic breakdown of King County, especially for unincorporated areas information. Of the 16 areas covering the entire County, 13 were primarily unincorporated. Beginning with the second Annual Growth Report in 1984, community planning areas were the dominant geographic structure to report the demographic, economic, and development activity of the County. As late as 1989, more than 40 % of the King County population resided in unincorporated areas, and more than half the new residential growth was occurring in those areas. An important chapter of each Annual Growth Report, with Area Profiles, reflected this significance.

Now that the unincorporated population is smaller, the unincorporated community planning areas have lost much of their relevance. The new PAA geography is being used instead of community planning areas. For convenience, some information will continue to be presented by planning area, but many of the areas are now mostly incorporated.

The next chapter, Chapter VIII, contains two sets of geographic boundaries that future Annual Growth Reports will use: school districts and King County Council districts.

Unincorporated King County Urban and Rural Areas

Unincorporated King County consists of both rural areas and urban areas outside city limits. Land uses include farms, forests, residential and some commercial uses. In the last decade, unincorporated King County experienced a net decrease of more than 160,000 people, bringing the 2000 total population to 352,000. The decrease was due chiefly to transfer of population into the cities through annexations and incorporations. Since 1990, eight cities have incorporated with a combined total of more than 150,000 people. Most of the unincorporated population, about 220,000 people, live in urban areas of western King County. Many of these urban communities are planned for timely annexation into adjoining cities. Ten of these urban communities are featured in the profiles starting on page 126.



QUICK FACTS

Land Area: 1,123,000 Acres or 1,755 Square Miles

King County Council Districts: parts of 8 Districts

School Districts: 17 Districts Water Districts: 23 Districts Sewer Districts: 11 Districts Fire Districts: 29 Districts

TAX INFO

2006 Assessed Valuation: \$41,288 million '06 Uninc. Area Levy (\$1.842 per1,000):\$ 76,052,848

2005 Real Estate Sales: \$4, Local Option REET Revenue (0.5%): **\$4,515.2 million** %): \$22,576,174

2005 Taxable Retail Sales: \$1.653 million Local Option Sales Tax Rev (.85% of 1%): \$14,049,694

DEMOGRAPHICS

2000 Census Population: 352,500

2006 Population: 367.000 Pop. Per Sq. Mile: 209

Median Age: 36.2

Age Structure:

17 and under 98.700 28% 18 - 64225,900 64% 65 and over 27,900 8%

Race Categories:

Non-hispanic White: 279,173 (79%)Black or African Am.: 12,051 (3%)Asian and Pacific Is: 30.809 (9%)Native Am. and other: 4,170 (1%)Hispanic or Latino: 15.420 (4%)Two or more race: 10.841 (3%)

EMPLOYMENT

Number of Business Units: 5.020

Year 2004 Total Jobs: 44.792 Construction&Resource: 7.686 WTU: 3,669 Manufacturing: 1.885 Retail: 3,771 Info/Technology: 1,912 Health: 2.590 Other Serv/FIRE: 13,333 Gov't/Education: 9.947

Source: WA Employment Security Dep't

HOUSING

Total Housing Units: 130,356 Single Family: 104,582 Multifamily: 18.694 Mobile Homes: 7,080 Percent Homeowners: 79% Average Household Size: 2.79 Median House Value: \$240.000

Median 2 Bedroom Rental: \$790

Source: 2000 US Census

INCOME

Median Household Income: \$65,290 Number of Households: 125,942

Households by Income Category:

0 - 80%36.000 (29%)80 - 140%35.000 (28%)140%+ 55.000 (43%)

Source: 2000 US Census

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

2005 New Residential Units: 2.232

Single Family: 1,658 Multifamily: 574

2005 Formal Plats/Lots:

Applications: 883 lots in 28 plats Recordings: 1,568 lots in 38 plats

2002 Land Capacity:

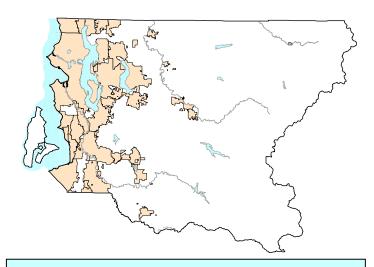
Residential In Acres: 4.125

In Units: 24,960 Commercial In Acres: 355

In Jobs: 8.760

RURAL **Unincorporated King County**

Rural unincorporated King County covers central and eastern King County and Vashon Island - areas outside the Urban Growth Boundary. These areas are designated Rural, Agricultural or Forest Resource by the King County Comprehensive Plan. Uses include forest, farmland, woodlands and low-density residential. Urban services such as sewer service are not provided in Rural areas. Rural areas, which cannot be annexed into a city, cover the majority of King County's land area but contain less than one-tenth of the County's population. Rural unincorporated King County has grown very slowly since Growth Management took effect in the mid-1990s: less than five percent of countywide new residential construction and population growth occur in these areas.



OUICK FACTS

Land Area: 1,072,600 Acres or 1,676 Square Miles

King County Council Districts: parts of 4 Districts

School Districts: 11 Districts Water Districts: 13 Districts Sewer Districts: 3 Districts Fire Districts: 16 Districts

TAX INFO

2006 Assessed Valuation: \$17,674 million '06 Uninc. Area Levy (\$1.842 per 1000): \$34,145,060

2005 Real Estate Sales: \$1,643.4 million Local Option REET Revenue (0.5%): \$8,216,751

2005 Taxable Retail Sales: \$730.3 million Local Option Sales Tax Rev (0.85% of 1%): \$6,207,298

DEMOGRAPHICS

2000 Census Population: 135.000

2006 Population: 142,000 Pop. Per Sq. Mile: 85

38.2 Median Age:

Age Structure:

17 and under 39,300 29% 18 - 6464% 86,350 65 and over 9.350 7 %

Race Categories:

Non-hispanic White: 122.500 (91%)Black or African Am.: 800 (0.6%)Asian and Pacific Is: 3,200 (2.4%)Native Am. and other: 1,800 (1.3%) Hispanic or Latino: 3,700 (2.7%) Two or more race: 3,000 (2.2%)

EMPLOYMENT

Number of Business Units: 2,271

Year 2004 Total Jobs: 18.398 Manufacturing: 678 Wholesale/Utilities: 1,570 Retail: 1.031 Finance/Services: 6.259 3,929 Government/Education: AFFM/Construction: 4,930

Source: WA Employment Security Dep't, 2003

HOUSING

Total Housing Units: 49.500 Single Family: 43,900

Multifamily: 1,500 Mobile Homes: 4.100

Percent Homeowners: 88% Average Household Size: 2.89 Median House Value: \$320,000 Median 2 Bedroom Rental: \$750

Source: 2000 US Census

INCOME

Median Household Income: \$73,400 Number of Households: 46,900

Households by Income Category: 0 - 80%10.800 (23%)

80 – 140% 13,400 (29%)140%+ 22.700 (48%)

Source: 2000 US Census

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

2005 New Residential Units: 443

Single Family: 443 Multifamily: 0 / 0

2005 Formal Plats/Lots:

Applications: 0 lots in 0 plats Recordings: 28 lots in 2 plats

2002 Land Capacity:

Residential In Acres: n a

In Units: 10.000-14,000

Commercial In Acres: n a In Jobs: n a

Residential Subdivision Activity

Unincorporated King County, 1990 - 2005

Applications for Formal Plats

Recorded Formal Plats

YEAR	Plats	Lots	Acres	YE	AR	Plats	Lots	Acres
1990	124	4,017	4,899.99	1:	990	66	2,712	1,703.80
1991	34	1,017	1,294.74	1	991	51	2,575	1,571.13
1992	17	758	2,348.53	1	992	57	1,579	1,102.60
1993	13	749	314.18	1	993	60	1,634	937.01
1994	21	1,386	873.92	1	994	48	1,543	797.24
1995	29	2,019	1,603.16	1	995	50	1,361	1,017.30
1996	33	1,525	452.82	1	996	28	835	461.80
1997	55	2,299	881.57	1	997	40	1,717	1,425.75
1998	53	2,774	2,186.54	1	998	33	1,108	513.24
1999	29	707	217.70	1	999	26	1,244	1,823.12
2000	25	523	179.83	2	000	23	1,334	1,296.89
2001	24	807	567.35	2	001	39	1,824	3,204.57
2002	16	713	679.58	2	002	30	1,040	1,380.31
2003	31	2,525	802.58	2	003	33	1,712	1,049.92
2004	37	1,236	678.45	2	004	19	994	269.96
2005	28	886	152.36	2	005	38	1,568	1,120.15
Total	569	23 941	18 133 30	To	otal	641	24 780	19 674 79

1990-2005

1990-2005

Applications for Short Plats

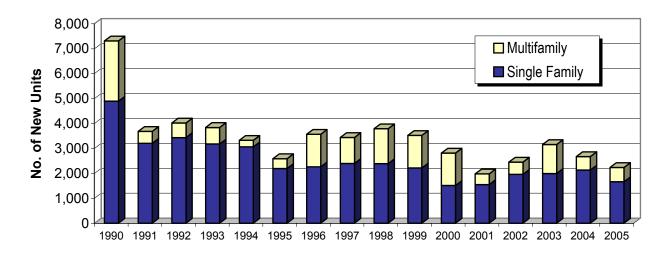
Recorded Short Plats

YEAR	Plats	Lots	Acres	_	YEAR	Plats	Lots	Acres
1990	424	1,363	4,108.26		1990	129	391	848.30
1991	160	422	718.00		1991	138	385	1,102.83
1992	109	292	365.47		1992	124	352	377.14
1993	54	157	296.13		1993	116	332	617.48
1994	110	297	609.21		1994	116	317	225.01
1995	68	202	315.35		1995	125	334	669.66
1996	54	163	390.22		1996	83	234	270.44
1997	53	158	339.00		1997	46	127	151.20
1998	63	178	286.41		1998	74	208	174.22
1999	62	156	398.30		1999	47	134	141.48
2000	58	161	438.85		2000	60	181	384.69
2001	52	152	393.30		2001	23	75	42.56
2002	30	86	220.94		2002	32	82	68.42
2003	40	116	94.54		2003	41	121	397.29
2004	70	358	205.20		2004	32	88	65.23
2005	67	257	130.35		2005	19	51	25.54
Total 1990-2005	1,474	4,518	9,309.53	_	Total 1990-2005	1,205	3,412	5,561.49

Residential Permits and Units Unincorporated King County, 1990 – 2005

	Single F	<u>amily</u>	<u>Multifa</u>	<u>mily</u>	Tota	<u>al</u>
YEAR	Permits	Units	Permits	Units	Permits	Units
1990	4,890	4,890	44	2,416	4,934	7,306
1991	3,198	3,200	14	479	3,212	3,679
1992	3,432	3,432	24	583	3,456	4,015
1993	3,174	3,174	14	661	3,188	3,835
1994	3,059	3,059	9	261	3,068	3,320
1995	2,191	2,188	15	396	2,206	2,584
1996	2,259	2,259	35	1,303	2,294	3,562
1997	2,391	2,391	19	1,044	2,410	3,435
1998	2,384	2,384	9	1,400	2,393	3,784
1999	2,210	2,210	58	1,306	2,268	3,516
2000	1,511	1,511	29	1,300	1,540	2,811
2001	1,544	1,544	51	431	1,595	1,975
2002	1,954	1,954	25	491	1,979	2,445
2003	1,985	1,991	13	1,163	1,998	3,154
2004	2,128	2,128	19	541	2,147	2,669
2005	1,658	1,658	23	574	1,681	2,232
Total 1990-2005	39,968	39,973	401	14,349	40,369	54,322

Total New Residential Units



Total New Residential Units Authorized by Unincorporated King County Areas, 1995-2005

TOTAL

Community Planning Area:	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Bear Creek	259	297	289	189	118	674	247	500	592	497	419
East Sammamish	520	673	939	1,318	1,432	676	263	123	64	98	97
Enumclaw	59	68	54	59	50	53	42	51	43	44	46
Federal Way / Southwest	166	351	77	79	139	207	235	420	518	306	174
Highline	47	61	10	164	64	82	94	97	557	131	222
Newcastle	67	199	71	104	214	75	65	32	78	96	111
Northshore	141	193	583	519	503	187	133	214	134	140	190
Shoreline	118	13	3	21	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Snoqualmie Valley	216	201	227	196	169	141	102	113	105	122	110
Soos Creek	477	849	817	887	604	515	577	527	838	983	608
Tahoma Raven Heights	443	557	227	134	129	119	91	297	183	183	217
Vashon	63	87	83	103	86	72	120	60	34	57	30
TOTAL:	2,576	3,549	3,380	3,773	3,510	2,811	1,975	2,445	3,146	2,669	2,232

Single Family

Community Planning Area:	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Bear Creek	259	297	289	189	114	287	247	309	532	493	281
East Sammamish	319	437	512	755	835	23	52	82	64	98	97
Enumclaw	59	64	54	59	48	53	42	51	43	44	46
Federal Way / Southwest	106	127	73	79	139	203	163	418	158	258	138
Highline	47	57	10	92	64	76	50	51	74	76	80
Newcastle	67	69	71	104	120	64	65	102	78	48	111
Northshore	120	117	215	226	184	151	133	180	134	128	68
Shoreline	28	3	3	7	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Snoqualmie Valley	216	191	227	196	163	135	102	111	105	120	110
Soos Creek	453	410	572	851	326	327	558	331	578	606	478
Tahoma Raven Heights	443	387	227	134	125	115	91	280	183	183	215
Vashon	63	87	83	103	84	68	48	39	34	55	30
TOTAL:	2,180	2,246	2,336	2,795	2,204	1,511	1,557	1,954	1,983	2,128	1,658

Multifamily

Community Planning Area:	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Bear Creek	0	0	0	0	4	387	0	181	60	4	138
East Sammamish	201	236	427	563	597	654	211	76	0	0	0
Enumclaw	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Way / Southwest	60	224	4	0	0	4	72	2	360	48	36
Highline	0	4	0	72	0	6	44	46	483	55	142
Newcastle	0	130	0	0	94	11	0	0	0	48	0
Northshore	21	76	368	293	319	36	0	34	0	12	122
Shoreline	90	10	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snoqualmie Valley	0	10	0	0	6	6	0	102	0	2	4
Soos Creek	24	439	245	36	278	188	19	20	260	377	130
Tahoma Raven Heights	0	170	0	0	4	4	0	9	0	0	2
Vashon	0	0	0	0	2	4	72	21	0	2	0
TOTAL:	396	1,303	1,044	978	1,306	1,300	418	491	1,163	541	574

Note: East King County, Eastside and Green River Valley are not reported because they contain very small unincorporated portions.

Source: King County Department of Development and Environmental Services

Transportation Concurrency Approvals

Unincorporated King County by Community Planning Area In Housing Units, 1996 - 2005

URBAN AREA

	<u>19</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>20</u>	03	<u>20</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>05</u>
Planning Area	Single Family	Multi- family	Single Family	Multi- family	Single Family	Multi- family	_		_		Single Family		_		_		_		Single Family	
Bear Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	183	0	1,325	24	0	0	0	0	0	0
East King County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Sammamish	1,130	1,728	1,112	902	53	162	48	0	13	30	0	0	28	13	11	0	64	0	16	0
Eastside/Gr.River Valley	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enumclaw	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Way	50	0	325	487	242	65	122	350	67	0	368	26	23	5	146	0	448	0	336	0
Highline	13	11	70	72	47	556	62	82	115	0	35	0	26	212	251	577	38	285	195	40
Newcastle	27	0	37	4	128	74	140	0	92	9	219	10	306	0	70	0	173	33	105	93
Northshore	135	1,546	144	502	355	162	111	20	69	0	77	154	18	203	46	13	192	18	192	2
Shoreline	0	0	0	14	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snoqualmie Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
Soos Creek	589	513	388	323	295	302	524	204	250	285	875	162	581	239	969	140	1,069	156	754	352
Tahoma/Raven Heights	2	0	652	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	8	0	90	320	281	0	255	320	104	320
TOTAL:	1,946	3,798	2,731	2,304	1,120	1,342	1,011	656	613	324	1,765	352	2,397	1,016	1,784	730	2,239	812	1,702	807

RURAL AREA

	<u>19</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>19</u>	98	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
Planning Area	Single Family		Single Family		_	Multi- family	_	_			•	Single Multi- Family family	Single Multi- Family family
Bear Creek	8	-	5	-	-	-	0 -	16	14 -	0 -	0 -	0 -	16 -
East King County	0	-	1	-	-	-	0 -	15	0 -	0 -	0 -	0 -	0 -
East Sammamish	3	-	1	-	-	-	1 -	20		9 -	0 -	0 -	0 -
Eastside/Gr. River Valley	0	-	0	-	-	-	0 -	-		0 -	0 -	0 -	0 -
Enumclaw	8	-	1	-	-	-	4 -	28	7 -	9 -	8 -	19 -	1 -
Newcastle	1	-	2	-	1	-	5 -	3	4 -	8 -	44 -	0 -	0 -
Northshore	0	-	0	-	2	-	0 -	-		0 -	0 -	0 -	0 -
Snoqualmie Valley	26	-	9	-	59	-	34 -	17	27 -	23 -	80 -	58 -	78 -
Soos Creek	4	-	18	-	25	-	16 -	8	8 -	153 -	0 -	4 -	9 -
Tahoma/Raven Heights	13	-	12	-	83	-	51 -	7	8 -	11 -	15 -	38 -	8 -
Vashon	10	-	0	-	12	-	67 -	25		0 -	14 40	8 -	0 26
TOTAL:	73	-	49	-	182	-	178 -	139	68 -	213 -	161 40	127 -	112 26

Notes: Concurrency is the first step in the permit process and concurrency approvals are an indicator of future development.

Units listed by date concurrency applications received.

Source: King County Department of Transportation, Road Services Division, June 2006.

Household Growth Targets by Sub-region Unincorporated King County, 2001 - 2022

	<u>Adopt</u>	ed Household	I Growth Ta	rget, 2001 -	2022
	<u>Unincorp</u>	orated King C	<u>ounty</u>		
Sub-Region	Total	in designated Pot. Anxtn Areas	outside PAAs	Cities' Targets	Sub-region Totals
	2 224				
East King County	6,801	2,702	4,099 *	40,844	47,645
South King County	4,935	4,343	592	37,420	42,355
Sea-Shore (N. Highline)	1,670	0	1,670	54,699	56,369
Rural Cities ** (expansion area)	0	0	0 **	5,563	5,563
Urban Area Total	13,406	7,045	6,361	138,526	151,932
Rural Area	6,000	***		0	6,000
King County Total	19,406			138,526	157,932

Notes:

Source: Growth Management Planning Council Motion 02-2, November 2002 and technical corrections continued in motion 04-4, September 2004.

^{*} The 4,099 target outside East County PAAs consists of the Bear Creek UPD/FCC.

^{**} Rural-city target numbers include their unincorporated expansion areas.

^{***} Targets apply to Urban areas only. The Rural area does not have a growth target. Growth in Rural areas is forecast to be 6,000 households or 4% of Countywide total growth.

Residential Land Supply and Capacity Findings from Buildable Lands Report, 2002

Unincorporated Urban King County, by Sub-Regions

			OPABLE			
	VAC	ANT	AND MIX	(ED USE	<u>TO</u>	ΓAL
Sub-Region	Net Acres	Net Units	Net Acres	Net Units	Net Acres	Net Units
East King County	461.84	2,128	297.65	1,174	759.49	**6,402
South King County	2,143.80	11,677	1,072.06	5,606	3,215.86	17,283
Sea-Shore						
(including North Highline)	134.65	1,145	14.57	131	149.22	1,276
D 10"						
Rural Cities						
(expansion areas) *	711.00	2,629	341.00	1,537	1,052.00	4,166
Urban Unincorporated King County	2,740.29	14,950	1,384.28	10,011	4,124.57	24,961

For Methodology, please refer to page 61 of this report. Source: King County Buildable Lands Evaluation Report, 2002.

^{*} Capacity in the Rural Cities expansion Areas was measured and tabulated as a component of Rural City capacity. It is reported here for convenience, but not included in the Urban unincorporated totals.

^{**} includes capacity of 3,100 units in the Bear Creek Urban Planned Developments

Building Permit Summary by PAA 2001 through 2005

POTENTIAL

ANNEXATION	:	2001		:	2002)		2003		:	2004	,		2005		20	01 - 20	005
AREA	SF	MF	Total	SF	MF	Total	SF	MF	Total	SF	MF	Total	SF	MF	Total	SF	MF	Total
East Federal Way	141	36	177	52	231	283	97	360	457	207	48	255	77	36	113	574	711	1,285
East Renton	7	2	9	4	0	4	46	0	46	18	0	18	74	0	74	149	2	151
Eastgate	23	0	23	5	0	5	3	0	3	14	0	14	5	0	5	50	0	50
Fairwood	19	195	214	219	12	231	318	174	492	269	377	646	138	105	243	963	863	1,826
Kent Northeast	93	0	93	42	0	42	56	0	56	152	0	152	149	6	155	492	6	498
Kirkland	102	0	102	94	34	128	67	0	67	38	12	50	39	29	68	340	75	415
Lea Hill	148	0	148	172	35	207	148	86	234	116	0	116	115	22	137	699	143	842
North Highline	27	44	71	28	46	74	46	22	68	47	53	100	37	112	149	185	277	462
Klahanie (Sammamish)	1	0	1	0	0		12	0	12	0	0	0	1	0	1	14	0	14
West Hill	22	0	22	22	0	22	27	461	488	30	0	30	43	30	73	144	491	635
PAA Total	583	277	860	638	358	996	820	1,103	1,923	891	490	1,381	678	340	1,018	3,610	2,568	6,178
Other Uninc. KC:																		
Redmond Ridge UPD	163	82	245	348	101	449	528	0	528	412	4	416	229	138	367	1,680	325	2,005
Other Urban uninc KC	357	0	357	515	12	527	162	61	223	298	47	345	986	436	1,422	2,318	556	2,874
Rural areas	441	72	513	453	20	473	481	0	481	527	0	527	443	0	443	2,345	92	2,437
Total Uninc. KC	1,544	431	1,975	1,954	491	2,445	1,991	1,164	3,155	2,128	541	2,669	1,658	574	2,232	9,953	4,156	14,109

Source: King County Dept. of Development and Environmental Services permit files, Budget Office Growth Information Team.